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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

Part two: biennial programme plan

(Item 3(b))

Programme 8
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

1. At its 17th meeting, on 21 June 2004, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/59/6 (Prog. 8)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced programme 8 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the activities undertaken by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in mobilizing and coordinating international support for the implementation of the three programmes of action, and the Office was encouraged to continue to strengthen its collaboration and

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coordination with other entities of the United Nations system in order to better achieve its objectives.

4. The view was expressed that the priority objective of the Office should be a decrease in number of the least developed countries and a real decrease in the needs of the three groups of countries. It was felt that increased attention should be given to the concerns of the least developed countries, and it was noted that the mandate of the programme was to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all parts of the United Nations system with a view to facilitating the coordinated implementation of the three programmes of action.

5. Concern was expressed about the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action and the Office was urged to increase its coordinating role.

6. The view was expressed that the mechanism through which the neighbouring countries of the landlocked developing countries would collaborate in the Almaty Programme of Action should be enhanced.

7. The question of the assistance provided by the Office to the least developed countries during the graduating process was raised. It was noted that the Office was not directly responsible for assisting the least developed countries in graduating from that category, but that its role was to coordinate with the United Nations entities involved in order to ensure a smooth transition during the graduation process.

8. Some members of the Committee emphasized that the Office should be equipped with adequate resources to enable it to discharge its mandate to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action and enhance its cooperation and coordination with United Nations and other relevant organizations, particularly those engaged in operational activities on the ground in landlocked and transit developing countries.

9. The view was expressed that each programme of action had specific indicators of achievements and measurable expected accomplishment, and that the logical framework as described would provide reliable baseline data against which the performance of the Office could be measured. At the same time, the view was expressed that in using the indicators greater attention should be given to qualitative aspects.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:

Overall orientation

Paragraph 8.3

After paragraph 8.3, insert a new paragraph to read:

8.4. The overall programme of work of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States is designed

around three interdependent and complementary subprogrammes, namely, subprogramme 1, least developed countries, subprogramme 2, landlocked developing countries, and subprogramme 3, small island developing States.

Programme 8

Delete the logframe and delete the word "Strategy".

Paragraph 8.4

Renumber paragraph 8.4 to read 8.5, and at the end of the paragraph add the following new subparagraph:

(j) Outreach to all stakeholders, including partnerships with civil society and the private sector.

New Subprogramme 1

Insert the following new subprogramme:

Subprogramme 1
Least developed countries

Objective of the Organization: To improve the quality of lives of people in least developed countries by strengthening their abilities to build a better future for themselves and develop their countries.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

(a) Enhanced awareness of the special needs of the least developed countries and increased support and resources for the least developed countries at the global level.

(b) Focused advocacy and building of partnerships with all development partners in favour of least developed countries.

(c) Enhanced coordination with United Nations entities, other international and multilateral organizations to increase the mainstreaming of the Brussels Programme of Action in their respective programmes.

Indicators of achievement

(a) (i) Number of declarations, resolutions and decisions at the global and regional levels in favour of least developed countries

(a) (ii) Effective participation of least developed countries in the global review through increased participation and statements at intergovernmental bodies

(b) Increase flows of external resources, debt relief and trade preferences to least developed countries

(c) (i) Increase number of United Nations entities and other international and multilateral organizations which mainstream and

report on the Brussels Programme of Action to their respective governing bodies

(c) (ii) Increase support to the capacity-building of the national mechanisms for the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action by the United Nations system

(c) (iii) Increase effective involvement of the resident coordinator system and the United Nations Development Group in country-level implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action

(c) (iv) Number of joint activities including task forces, workshops, seminars, panels, briefings and publications

Paragraph 8.6

After the new subprogramme 1, insert the heading "Strategy", and add the following new paragraph:

8.6. In order to achieve the above objective, the strategy of the Least Developed Countries Unit will focus on:

(a) Enhancing implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action by both least developed countries and their development partners;

(b) Increasing support from the donor community for an effective and full participation of the least developed countries in the intergovernmental processes;

(c) Increasing linkages with United Nations agencies and other international organizations for their mainstreaming of the Brussels Programme of Action.

New subprogramme 2

After paragraph 8.6, insert the following new subprogramme:

Subprogramme 2
Landlocked developing countries

Objective of the Organization: To ensure effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action; addressing the special needs of landlocked developing countries with a new global framework for transit transport cooperation for landlocked and transit developing countries.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

(a) Establishment of coordinating mechanisms for the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action

(b) Increased coordinated assistance for implementing specific actions in the five priority areas set out in the Almaty Programme of Action

Indicators of achievement

(a) (i) Increase in the number of national, subregional and international level follow-up and coordination mechanisms established

(a) (ii) Increase in the number of specific actions, such as standardization and simplification procedures for border crossing, by United Nations organizations as well as the transit developing countries and donor countries

(b) Increased number of joint programmes to further develop transit infrastructure and their efficient use

Paragraph 8.7

After the new subprogramme 2, insert the heading "Strategy" and add the following new paragraph:

8.7. In order to achieve the above objective, the strategy of the Landlocked Developing Countries Unit will focus on:

(a) Supporting the building of partnerships towards the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action by establishing coordinating mechanisms for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional and global levels;

(b) Improving linkages between other parts of the United Nations system and focal points in individual organizations and the relevant subregional, regional and other international organizations, and enhancing the cooperation and coordination of the United Nations system with them, particularly with those engaged in operational activities on the ground in landlocked and transit developing countries;

(c) Monitor and coordinate implementation of specific actions and initiatives aimed at establishing efficient transit transport systems in landlocked and transit developing countries.

New subprogramme 3

After paragraph 8.7, insert the following new subprogramme:

Subprogramme 3
Small island developing States

Objective of the Organization: To advocate and assist in mobilizing international support for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

(a) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and outcomes of the international meeting to review its implementation

Indicators of achievement

(a) Number of United Nations, other international organizations and donors according special focus to small islands developing States issues

Paragraph 8.8

After the new subprogramme 3, add the following new paragraph:

8.8. In order to achieve the above objective, the strategy of the Small Island Developing States Unit will focus on:

(a) Advocating for the mobilization of financial and technical resources in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(b) Working closely with United Nations agencies, other international organizations including regional organizations, the donor community and civil society, to ensure proper mainstreaming of priorities identified by the General Assembly.

Legislative mandates

Revise the legislative mandates to read:

General Assembly resolutions

55/2 United Nations Millennium Declaration

Subprogramme 1
Least developed countries

General Assembly resolutions

55/279 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

56/227 Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

57/276 Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

58/228 Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2002/33 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

2003/17 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Economic and Social Council decision

2001/320 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Subprogramme 2
Landlocked developing countries

General Assembly resolutions

56/180 **Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries**

58/201 **Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries**

Subprogramme 3
Small Island developing States

General Assembly resolutions

56/198 **Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

57/262 **Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

58/213 **Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**